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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS DON KNABE AND YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

November 25, 2003

On Tuesday, November 18, 2003, KNBC ran a story about the deplorable conditions in a number of apartments in the County, apartments that are inspected by our Environmental Health inspectors. Investigative reporter Joel Grover found that tenants do not know about the information about the inspections of these buildings, which is available from the health department. Grover also raised questions about whether our inspection program is effective in fixing recurring problems at rental properties.

Conditions in some rental property have been a problem for many years and it is important that we take immediate action to assure that our program is effective as possible.

Tenants should know where and how to get information about the buildings they are currently in or those buildings they may be considering. This is a fundamental issue of the right to information.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Health Services and the Director of Public Health and Health Officer to make a report at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, with an comprehensive plan to address the issues raised by the KNBC investigative report, including how information can be made readily available to tenants and how to assure that rental properties are not allowed to continue operating year after year with health code violations.

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